

Y. M. C. A. STATE CONVENTION TO MEET IN DANVILLE APRIL 21

Addresses Will Be Made by
Prominent Association
Workers.

The State convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Virginia will meet in Danville this year, April 21-24, and in the prominence of speakers on the program and the large attendance indicated, it promises to be the best convention in the history of the work in the State. On Friday night, there will be a business men's banquet, to which the Danville Board of Trade is inviting several hundred of the most prominent business men of the State. Governor Mann will preside, and among the speakers will be Judge Selden P. Spencer, of St. Louis; C. R. Towson, of New York; L. Wilbur Messer, of Chicago, and State Secretary S. A. Ackley. Among the other speakers at the convention will be Dr. George J. Fisher and A. E. Roberts, of New York; Dr. W. D. Weatherford and C. C. Robinson, of Atlanta; and Hon. H. E. F. Macfarland and Wm. Knowles Cooper, of Washington.

The past fifteen months have witnessed the most rapid development in the history of Y. M. C. A. work in the State. New buildings and equip-

C. R. TOWSON, OF NEW YORK,
Industrial Secretary International Com-
mittee.

STATE LOAN FUND SHOWS INCREASE

New Method of Aid Results in
Great Educational Pro-
gress.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Raleigh, N. C., April 16.—A statement from the State Department of Education on the status of the North Carolina educational loan fund, set aside by the Legislature for loans to school districts through the counties, more especially for improving school houses, shows that the fund has grown since 1903 from \$200,000 to about \$425,000. The first loans by the State Board of Education, which must approve all loans, were in August, 1903, and aggregated \$29,631. Since that time loans have been made in eighty-nine counties, aggregating \$523,280.50. These loans have been in aid of 1,109 districts, having 159,175 children of school age. These loans have resulted in the building of 935 new school houses, the value of the new houses erected being \$1,256,788. These took the place of old houses that were valued at only \$158,601. These loans are thoroughly safeguarded, so that there is no possible chance of any losses, the loans being secured by notes of the county boards of education. These loans are repaid in ten annual payments of interest and partial payments of principal. The fund is increasing constantly from the interest derived from the loans and from the sale of swamp lands, all of which goes into this fund.

Urges Greater Progress.
State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner, just back from attendance on the Southern Educational Conference at Little Rock, Ark., declared that if North Carolina expects to maintain her lead in educational matters among the Southern States she will have to materially quicken her pace. Her people, he says, must not get the idea that North Carolina is the only pebble on the beach in educational progress, and that while other States of the South have caught their pace from North Carolina's example, it will require renewed effort now for North Carolina to keep up.

WILL BENEFIT TEACHERS.

Many Attractive Features for Normal Institute at Fredericksburg.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Fredericksburg, Va., April 16.—During the Fredericksburg Summer Normal Institute, which will open in this city July 23 and continue thirty days, there will be many attractive features. A number of special lectures, some of them stereoscopic lectures, will be given. A reception to all the teachers will be held on the evening of July 8. The attendance is expected to be over 300. Professor S. Thomas, State Supervisor of Primary Education, will give a series of lectures during the week commencing July 4 on "Rural School Administration." The District Congressional District Teachers' Association will have its meeting at the public school building here July 1 and 2. Miss Virginia Stone, teacher in primary method and reading, will have a model class.

An excursion to Mount Vernon or Washington by special train, at a nominal cost, has been arranged for July 16 for the benefit of the visitors. The Virginia State Normal School Institution for Colored Teachers will also be held in this city at the same time, and about 100 teachers will be in attendance. This institution is a State institution, and a strong faculty has been selected. The supervising conductor will be Arthur D. Wright, who will also be local manager of the white institute. Three of the faculty are among the leading colored educators of the State.

Berryville Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Berryville, Va., April 16.—The High School gave its opera, "Peppery Pa," at a crowded house at Boyce one night last week. The play, which was a decided hit here, was well received there. The Berryville Dramatic Club presented "The Butterflies" on Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week to large crowds at the opera house. It was an excellent amateur performance, and the performers received the praise that they well deserved. Mrs. Samuel Taylor has returned from a trip of several days to Washington, D. C. Rev. I. G. Michael and family left last week for Romney, W. Va., where conference ordered him from here. Mr. Michael has had his charge only one year, and the people were loathe to give him up. Rev. Mr. Williams, of Charlestown, W. Va., who has been appointed to succeed Mr. Michael, has arrived and entered upon his duties. Hon. Marshall McCormick was here last week on legal business for several days.

Blacksburg Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Blacksburg, Va., April 16.—Clergymen and laymen from churches throughout Southwest Virginia and as far east as Staunton, will attend the District Convention, which meets in Christ Episcopal Church here April 19-21. Bishop Beverley D. Tucker will preach the opening sermon, Tuesday evening, and will be entertained while in Blacksburg by Professor and Mrs. R. J. Davidson. Rev. David J. Woods is attending the spring meeting of Montgomery Presbytery at Bluefield, W. Va. Mrs. S. P. Angel, of Columbus, O., is spending several weeks with her son, Professor Angel, at the Blacksburg Inn. Mrs. Carol M. Newman and children have returned from a visit to the former's parents, in Bristol, Tenn. Mrs. J. L. Eakin is at home after six weeks' visit to her son, W. C. Eakin, at Yazoo City, Miss. Mrs. Mary A. Pritchard will attend the spring meeting of the Women's Missionary Union of Montgomery Presbytery, at Salem, next week.



JUDGE SELDEY P. SPENCER, OF ST. LOUIS,
a Speaker of National Y.M.C.A. Convention.

ments costing \$655,000 will have been opened within the fifteen months ending April 30. Norfolk Naval, Richmond Railroad, Suffolk and Charlottesville have been opened. The beauty of them all, Richmond Central, is to be opened April 30. Norfolk Central is now under construction, and will be opened during the coming year. Religious, educational and physical work have been stronger than ever, in spite of the change from the old to the new equipments, and facilities are now at hand to double all past records in these departments.

Virginia has more educational institutions than any State in the South, and under the effective work of the State student secretary, 2,800 of the 4,500 students in the State are members of the college associations, 1,500



WILLIAM KNOWLES COOPER,
General Secretary Washington Association.

in Bible classes and 750 in mission study. A new secretary has been added to the State committee's working force, who will look after the thousands of young men leaving home each year. Their names will be secured by several hundred correspondents throughout the State, and they will be looked up and put in touch with Christian friends and surroundings through secretaries and pastors in their new homes. City, army and navy and railroad work are being pressed under the leadership of State Secretary S. A. Ackley.

Clergyman's Son's Testimony of Tuberculosis Cure

To neglect a cold, bronchitis, lung trouble or Consumption is dangerous. We all know how prone people are to deny they have Consumption. It is a baffling disease, and the sufferer is filled with bright hopes of improvement. Call Consumption by its own dread name—and then—take Eckman's Alternative, because it is effective in Tuberculosis. No one need doubt about it—there is plenty of evidence from live witnesses. Investigate the following:

Amenia, N. Y., July 9, 1909.
Gentlemen: Prior to Feb. 1908, I was located in Rochester, N. Y., suffering with LaGrippe, which developed into Tuberculosis. My physician gave me one month to live. I was having terrible night sweats and mid-day chills, and losing flesh rapidly, having gone from 155 to 135 lbs. I coughed and raised continually, and became so weak that walking a few feet exhausted me. On my return home my regular physician gave me little encouragement. My father, who is a clergyman, heard of Eckman's Alternative and induced me to take it. The night sweats and chills disappeared, my cough became easier and gradually diminished and in a few days I developed an appetite, the first in months. I am now in perfect health, back to 155 lbs. I feel certain that I owe my life to Eckman's Alternative.

(Signed) E. H. COWLES.
Eckman's Alternative is good for all throat and lung troubles, and is on sale in Richmond by the Owens & Minor Drug Co. It can also be obtained at, or procured by, your local druggists. Ask for Booklet of Cured Cases or write for details to the Eckman Laboratory, Phila., Pa.

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Very massive and decidedly comfortable Rocker, upholstered in genuine Boston leather; broad seat and back and of best construction.

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**This Exact
\$15 Chiffonier
FOR
\$10.95**

Constructed of solid oak and nicely finished, and of best construction throughout; has large size French bevel mirror and five deep, roomy drawers.

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A Refrigerator out of the ordinary class; constructed of hard wood, lined with mineral wool and charcoal sheathing. Prices start at \$6.75.

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6x9 China Matting Rugs...\$3.45
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FOUSHEE and BROAD STS

AUNT CHRISSIE STALLARD AGED ONE HUNDRED YEARS



[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Sergeant, Ky., April 16.—Few women in the entire country possess the strikingly remarkable qualities of Aunt Chrissie Stallard, Letcher county's and Eastern Kentucky's oldest woman, a former Virginia pioneer, who only a few days ago, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, prepared with her own hands a sumptuous dinner for a number of her friends and relatives who came to spend the day with her. According to the most authentic records, Aunt Chrissie was born 100 years ago March 20, in Russell county, Va., near the present site of Lebanon, and about twelve years later, with her parents (the earliest pioneer settlers of this section), came to Letcher county (then Floyd), settling on Colly Creek, a few miles west of here. Her maiden name was Balise. At an early age she was married to Jimmie Stallard, a pioneer settler, who died many years ago, leaving Aunt Chrissie alone, since which time she has been doing the

housekeeping, the chores about the place, "tending" a small crop of corn each year—in fact, living as up-to-date as many of her most prosperous neighbors. To plow, hoe, corn, clear land on the hillside, mow grass from the little meadow—in fact, do everything that the average farmer should do—compose the general duties that have fallen to Aunt Chrissie's share since the death of her husband some thirty years ago. She raises stock, horses, keeps some of the best strain of milch cows, hogs and sheep.

Aunt Chrissie's memory is good. She can relate with precision happenings of her early childhood. Taking all in all, she is doubtless the most remarkable person living to-day, and in all probability will live many years longer. At least her chances are very flattering.

V. M. I. Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lexington, Va., April 16.—St. J. R. Marshall, B. S., and first distinguished graduate of the class of '01, and post adjutant for several years, was in Lexington last week visiting his friends. He is living in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Davant, of Roanoke, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Antrim, and grandson, Master

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Stop after dinner—discomforts—indigestion—improve the complexion—brighten the eyes. Small Pill, Small Dose, Small Price. Genuine must bear signature.



Garrett Davant, spent several days last week visiting their sons, Cadets E. T. and C. R. Davant, of the second class. Mrs. Davant and Mrs. Antrim entertained a number of cadets in their private car Sunday evening.

Mrs. R. J. Darnell and daughter, Miss Pauline, who have been spending the past two weeks in Lexington, visiting Cadet Harry Darnell, 13, left on Tuesday for their home in Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. T. S. Pattison, of Cambridge, Md., was the guest of Mrs. Morgan Pendleton this week, while visiting her son, Cadet T. S. Pattison, Jr., 10.

S. H. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is visiting his son, Cadet S. H. Peck, Jr., 13.

J. L. Gleaves, of Wytheville, Va., was the guest of his son, Colonel S. R. Gleaves, for a few days last week.

Captain P. D. Leach, general staff, U. S. A., will visit the V. M. I. for the purpose of general inspection on Monday, April 18. In order to afford him every opportunity to carry out the purpose of his visit, there will be suspension of all academic duties on that day.

In preparation of this inspection there was a suspension of academic duties between 11 A. M. and 1 P. M. on Friday, 15th, in order to give the commandant of cadets an opportunity for special military instruction. The Virginia Military Institute has been on the star list of the War Department since 1904, the date of the passage of the law by the United States Congress authorizing the select list. The reports of army inspectors have been uniformly complimentary, and the superintendent has every confidence that the present corps of cadets will maintain the high standard of this institution.

Tenn., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Gump.

Mrs. L. E. Ward and son left Wednesday for Mrs. Ward's old home, at Culpeper.

Mr. Huff, the son-in-law of Colonel James S. Browning, of Roanoke, Va., is here, spending a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Frazier and sons are visiting Mr. Frazier's father, Rev. J. Tyler Frazier, at Chilhowie, Va., this week.

W. W. Cave, of Pulaski, Va., was in the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ward had for their guest this week Mrs. C. L. Borden and Miss Borden, of Bluefield, W. Va.

Mrs. J. W. McGuire and Mrs. E. J. Lester, of Gialto, W. Va., were in the city this week.

Miss Mary Aaron, of Bluefield, W. Va., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. I. Kwass.

Robert Herbert left Sunday for Detroit, Mich., on account of his health.

H. L. Hatwood, State representative of the T. P. A., from Richmond, was in the city this week, visiting this post. While here he was the guest of James G. Litz.

Alex. Waddell, H. Johnston and Ernest Freeman, of Bramwell, W. Va., were here Thursday.

of her friends on a launch expedition up the Mattaponi this week.

The members of the Home Needlework Club were entertained on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. M. P. Chandler, of Fourth Street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Eastwood left Tuesday for a southern trip as far as St. Augustine, Fla.

Mrs. Clyde F. Ross is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Bray, at Wakema.

West Point, it seems from present prospects, is to have electric lights again. The light company hopes to start the plant at an early date.

Miss Effie Carden is suffering with bronchial grip in the home of her brother, Robert C. Carden.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Smith have returned to West Point to live, after living a short time in Newport News.

Mrs. L. S. Polkes returned Friday after spending about ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Webster, in Baltimore.

Kenbridge Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Kenbridge, Va., April 16.—The Dramatic Club of the Lawrenceville High School gave a very interesting entertainment in the town hall at this place on last Saturday night.

Miss Bertha Bridgeforth, of B. F. L., arrived in Kenbridge from Saturday night, after spending a few days at W. Bridgeforth's.

Mrs. Lucile Story, of B. F. L., will visit J. H. Kennedy, from Saturday until Monday.

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